

**REMARKS****Introductory Comments**

Claims 11-14 were examined in the Office Action under reply and stand variously rejected under (1) 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph (claims 11-14); and (2) 35 U.S.C. §102(e) (claim 11). These rejections are believed to be overcome and are otherwise traversed for the reasons discussed below.

Applicants note with appreciation the withdrawal of the previous objections and rejections.

**Overview of the Above Amendments**

Claims 11-14 have been amended to claim the subject invention with greater particularity. Specifically, claim 11 has been amended to correct a typographical error and to incorporate the recitations from allowable claims 12-14 into a Markush group. Claims 12-14 have been amended to substitute the term “comprises” with the term “is” as suggested by the Examiner.

The above amendments are made without intent to abandon any originally claimed subject matter, and without intent to acquiesce in any rejection of record. Applicants expressly reserve their right to bring the unamended claims again in a subsequent, related application. Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

**Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph:**

The claims were rejected as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In particular, the Office requested applicants correct a typographical error in claim 11. Applicants have now changed the term “*meningitides*” to “*meningitidis*.” The Office also requested clarification with respect to the term “comprising” in claims 12-14 and suggested the term be changed to “is.” Applicants have so done. Thus, these bases for rejection have been overcome and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e):

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,683,699 to Jennings et al. ("Jennings"). The Office alleges Jennings teaches "a method of providing a library of N-acyl group B meningococcal polysaccharide (GBMP) molecules." Office Action, page 4. Solely in an effort to advance prosecution, claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the recitations from allowable claims 12-14 into a Markush group. Accordingly, this basis for rejection no longer applies and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims define a patentable invention.

Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is believed in order and is respectfully requested.

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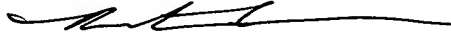
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